

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON


February 26, 1973

Dear Roberto:

I deeply appreciate the generous words in your letter of January 29. While some of the feelings you describe were certainly present, you especially will understand that they disappeared quickly since we now face the new and immense task of reaching a political settlement in Southeast Asia.

It was equally thoughtful of you to revive your appealing invitation. It is as tempting as ever and I will not forget it.

Warm regards,



Henry A. Kissinger

Mr. Roberto Ducci
Director General for Political Affairs
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Rome, Italy

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Subject: Letter from Ambassador
Roberto Ducci

The attached letter to you from Ambassador Ducci, Director General for Political Affairs in the Italian Foreign Ministry, was transmitted to the Department through the U.S. Embassy in Rome.

Theodore L. Eliot, Jr.
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Executive Secretary

Attachment:

Letter from Ambassador Ducci

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Ministero degli Affari Esteri

II DIRETTORE GENERALE DEGLI AFFARI POLITICI

Rome, 29th January, 1973.

My dear Henry,

Telegrams and letters of congratulations from the whole world must have overflowed your desk during the past days; and I wonder whether this brief letter of mine will emerge from the flood. But I am compelled to entrust a personal reflection of mine to a piece of paper addressed to you. And this is, that I think I know how you feel in your great hour of triumph: the lassitude which follows a long-protracted fight, and the bitter-sweet taste of victory in your mouth. All this will soon disappear, I am sure, if it has not already done so.

Should you feel like taking a serene rest in some congenial surrounding, may I remind you of the idea with which you toyed in a former letter, of spending a few days in some peaceful spot in Italy, before you direct your geniality to some other task. Spring is the season in Italy; and occasions, informal and formal, should not be lacking.

Whatever may come of my suggestion, let me repeat to you what a lesson your action in these last years has been for all those who, like myself, care for the real progress of mankind; and add my thanks and congratulations to the million or so which you have received.

Believe me, *as ever,*

Yours very sincerely
R. Ducci

Roberto Ducci

Professor Henry A. Kissinger,
Assistant to the President for